



County of San Diego
Pine Valley Planning Group



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May 13, 2008

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DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair, at 7:00 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vern Denham, Cherry Diefenbach, Terry Glardon, Carol Johnson (7:15pm),
Tom McNicol, Joseph Moore, Patricia O'Mara, Matt Rabasco, Bob Smith, Jeff

Strohming, Veva Thing,

ABSENT: Lucille Goodman, vacant Seat # 9

PUBLIC: 11

4. MINUTES

Approve Minutes of April 8, 2008 Meeting

MOTION: Veva Thing, 2nd: Joseph Moore, VOTE: Passed 10-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received copies of form PA 700 for all who had not received one.
- Draft Technical Review Revisions for the General Plan Update to be docketed in June

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fire Safe Council will be a community chipping day on May 17th from 7-12:30 by the Bible Camp.
- Closing of Pine Valley Elementary was removed from the School Board's Next Agenda Cherry is circulating a petition to get county and State agencies to come address the death of Oak trees in Pine Valley.
- DPLU will hold an Environmental Scoping Meeting for the general Plan Update on May 17th at 5:30 pm at the Ruffin Rd. offices.

5. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

6. GROUP BUSINESS - None

7. OLD BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS**A. AD08-18. REVIEW PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY WIND TURBINE APPROXIMATELY 80 FEET IN HEIGHT ON RANCHO SAMATAGUMA LOCATED AT OLD HIGHWAY 80 AND FARLEY FLATS ROAD.**

Presentation by Mark Knox. Request to construct a wind turbine that would be 80 ft. high and generate 2KW. It will be visible to only to one adjacent property owner and not from a public roadway. An Administrative permit is required for medium size turbines and only allows one per property.

Recommend Approval of AD08-18 as presented.

MOTION: Veva Thing, 2nd; Patricia O'Mara, **VOTE:** passed 11-0

B. DISCUSS DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED SAN DIEGO COUNTY FARMING PROGRAM PLAN. GROUNDWATER QUALITY, REZONING, LOT DENSITY, AND SUB-DIVIDING FARM LAND ARE SOME OF THE TOPICS.

Group reviewed the draft Plan which will be incorporated into the General Plan.

Issues raised:

- Concerns that the proposed PACE agreement would give water rights of property to County.
- Plan does not address density issues raised in the report.
- There needs to be a mechanism to allow additional dwelling units on a family farm from multiple generations to encourage the farm staying in the family.
- Plan does not reference impacts of Board Policy I-123 MSCP
- Plan should include discussion of Williamson Act agreements or other property tax incentives for farmers.

Vern will send comments in a letter prior to May 31, 2008 deadline.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:58 pm

Next Regular Meeting: June 10, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Strohminger
Secretary

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May 28, 2008

Mr. Carl Stiehl
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RE: Draft Farming Program Plan

On May 13, 2008 The Pine Valley Community Planning Group at our regular monthly meeting reviewed The Draft Farming Program Plan. Several items were of concern to us.

A) Any agricultural use of land, farming, ranching, growing of grapes, citrus, etc. Even if it is not zoned specifically for agricultural (example S-92) should have greater restrictions and review in a groundwater dependent area. Then in a location that has domestic imported water available.

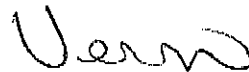
B) Because of the dwindling supply of agricultural land, the County of San Diego should assure that farm and ranchland, should be kept as agricultural land and not be re-zoned for housing or commercial development.

C) If there were to become a time where water supply had to be rationed, domestic use, (residential) should have priority over agricultural use.

D) The farm plan should include discussions of the Williamson Act Agreement, and other available property tax incentives to farmers and ranchers.

E) For the protection of groundwater quality, the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers should be strongly regulated in a groundwater dependent area.

Sincerely,



Vern Denham, Chair
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